

What is claimed is:

1. A photographic image service system comprising a plurality of service shops for providing a photographic image service; at least one order terminal; and a management server;
5 all connected via a network, wherein:

each of the service shops comprises:

an uploading means for uploading at least one photographic image of an event which occurs in its local area to the management server; and

10 an output means for outputting at least one photographic image of the event specified by an output command issued by the management server;

the management server comprises:

15 a memory means for recording the at least one photographic image of the event, correlated with area specifying data that specifies an area where the service shop, which has uploaded the at least one photographic image, is located;

20 a search means for searching the memory means for the at least one photographic image of the event uploaded by a service shop which is designated by area designating data received from the order terminal;

25 an image exhibiting means for transmitting the at least one photographic image found by the search means to the order terminal; and

an output control means for transmitting output commands

that cause at least one photographic image, specified by image specifying data transmitted from the order terminal from among the at least one photographic image of the event transmitted thereto, to be transmitted to a predetermined service shop and
5 output thereat; and

each of the at least one order terminal comprises:

an area designating means for designating an area at which at least one photographic image of an event is obtained, by transmitting area designating data, desired by a user, to
10 the management server;

a display means for displaying the at least one photographic image transmitted to the order terminal from the management server; and

an image specifying means for transmitting data that
15 specifies at least one photographic image selected by the user from among the at least one photographic image of the event transmitted to the management server, as the image specifying data.

2. A photographic image service system as defined in
20 claim 1, wherein:

the event comprises a plurality of sub-events;

the memory means records the at least one photographic image of the event, correlated with the sub-event at which the photographic image was obtained;

25 each of the at least one order terminal further comprises a sub-event specifying means for transmitting sub-event

specifying data, which specifies a sub-event desired by a user,
to the management server; and

the image exhibiting means transmits at least one
photographic image of an event which was obtained at the
5 sub-event which is specified by the sub-event specifying data,
from among the photographic images of the event which were
located by the search means.

3. A photographic image service system as defined in
claim 2, wherein:

10 the memory means employs the time/date of photography
of the photographic image of the event and the time/date that
the sub-event was held, to record the at least one photographic
image of the event, correlated with the sub-event at which the
photographic image was obtained.

15 4. A photographic image service system as defined in
claim 2, wherein:

the memory means employs the location of photography of
the photographic image of the event and the location where the
sub-event was held, to record the at least one photographic
20 image of the event, correlated with the sub-event at which the
photographic image was obtained.

5. A photographic image service system as defined in
claim 1, wherein the image exhibiting means transmits a
confirmation image of the at least one photographic image of
25 the event.

6. A photographic image service system as defined in

either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein each of the at least one order terminal further comprises:

a shop selecting means for selecting a service shop at which the at least one photographic image specified by the image specifying means is output; and wherein

the output control means of the management server causes the service shop selected by the shop selecting means to output the at least one photographic image of the event.

7. A photographic image service system as defined in any one of claim 1, claim 2 and claim 3, wherein:

each of the at least one order terminal further comprises a subject specifying means for transmitting a characteristic image indicating the characteristics of a target subject;

the management server further comprises an extracting means for extracting at least one photographic image in which the target subject is pictured, from among the at least one photographic image of the event, based on the characteristic image transmitted from the order terminal; and wherein

the image exhibiting means transmits only the at least one photographic image in which the target subject is pictured, extracted by the extracting means, to the order terminal.

8. A photographic image service system as defined in claim 4, wherein:

the target subject is a person; and

the characteristic image is a photographic image of the person's face.